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SUBJECT: TTBT/PNE NEGOTIATIONS: RESTRICTED MEETING, DECEMBER 17,
1975 - TTBT/PNE DELEGATION MESSAGE NO. 58

1. SUMMARY. MOROKHOV AND STOESSEL, SUPPORTED BY SEVERAL EXPERTS, HELD LENGTHY RESTRICTED MEETING DECEMBER 17 TO WRAP US ROUND V. STOESSEL CONTINUED APPROACH THAT HAS PROVED EFFECTIVE RECENTLY OF FOCUSING ON A COUPLE OF ISSUES AS BEST MEANS TO MAKE PROGRESS. HE COMMENTED ON SOVIET TEXT ON CONFIRMATION OF GEOLOGIC DATA, SPECIFYING KEY ELEMENTS THIS ISSUE AS SEEN BY US, AND PRESENTED REVISED TEXT OF SEVERAL PARAGRAPHS OF ARTICLE VII OF US PROTOCOL COVERING PROVISION OF EQUIPMENT AND INFORMATION BY VERIFIER TO HOST AND THIRD PARTY EQUIPMENT RIGHTS. MOROKHOV MADE LONG, UNPREPARED SUMMARY OF STATE OF PLAY, WHICH WAS GENERALLY MODERATE IN TONE AND RELATIVELY POSITIVE. MAIN POINTS WERE:

A. YIELD LEVEL AT WHICH OBSERVERS WOULD BE PRESENT AS RIGHT RATHER THAN AT INVITATION; (B) OBSERVER ACCESS; (C) EQUIPMENT CUSTODY AND EXAMINATION; AND (D) PLACEMENT OF SLIFERS. END SUMMARY.

2. US OPENED FINAL STOESSEL-MOROKHOV RESTRICTED MEETING OF ROUND V BY PRESENTING REVISED LANGUAGE OF ARTICLE VII OF US PROTOCOL. THIS INCLUDED THREE NEW PARAGRAPHS TO COVER PROVISION OF EQUIPMENT AND INFORMATION BY VERIFYING PARTY TO PARTY CARRYING OUT EXPLOSION FOR PURPOSES OF

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VERIFYING PARTY FOR HOST PARTY EXAMINATION, AND PROVISION FOR THIRD PARTY EQUIPMENT RIGHTS IF EXPLOSION TO BE CARRIED OUT IN TERRITORY OTHER THAN THAT OF PARTY CARRYING OUT SUCH EXPLOSION.

3. US ALSO COMMENTED ON SOVIET TEXT ON CONFIRMATION OF GEOLOGIC DATA, INDICATING KEY POINTS WHICH SHOULD BE IN FINAL TEXT FOR SUCH PROVISION (SEE SEPTTEL).

4. MOROKHOV BEGAN BY SAYING HE HAD NO PREPARED STATEMENT BUT WOULD WISH TO MAKE BRIEF REMARKS COVERING HIS VIEWS OF STATE OF NEGOTIATIONS. HE THEN PROCEEDED TO TALK. HIS LENGTHY REMARKS REALLY ONLY COVERED FOUR MAIN POINTS. HE HOPED US WOULD REVIEW ITS POSITION ON YIELD LEVEL AT WHICH OBSERVERS WOULD AUTOMATICALLY BE PRESENT, AND REASSERTED THAT SOVIET VIEW THAT OBSERVERS SHOULD BE INVITED AT DISCRETION OF HOST PARTY FOR YIELDS BETWEEN 100 AND 150 KT IS SOUNDLY BASED AND SENSIBLE.

5. SECOND MAIN MOROKHOV POINT RELATED TO OBSERVER ACCESS. SPEAKING FRANKLY, HE SAID THAT HE COULD ONLY VIEW NEW US VIEWS ON THIS QUESTION AS AMOUNTING TO "SOME MOVEMENT BACKWARDS". HE SAID HE HOPED US WOULD RECONSIDER ITS POSITION, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT "UNSHAKE-ABLE TRUTHS" THAT SOVIET SIDE HAD PRESENTED ON THIS ISSUE.

6. WHOLE QUESTION OF EQUIPMENT CUSTODY AND EXAMINATION STILL TROUBLES MOROKHOV, PARTICULARLY US REQUIREMENT THAT EXAMINATION BE IN PRESENCE OF OBSERVERS AND THAT EQUIPMENT TO BE USED FOR ANY EXPLOSION COULD NEVER BE IN SOLE CUSTODY OF HOST PARTY. MOROKHOV SAID THAT HE PREPARED TO INCLUDE PROVISION CALLING FOR HOST PARTY TO ENSURE RELIABILITY OF EQUIPMENT SO THAT HOST PARTY COULD CONDUCT EXAMINATION WITHOUT PRESENCE OF OBSERVERS AND THAT CUSTODY WOULD NOT ALWAYS HAVE TO BE JOINT. MOROKHOV ASSERTED THAT "FACTS WE POSSESS AND FACTS THAT EXIST IN THE WORLD" SUPPORT SUCH AN APPROACH.

7. MOROKHOV ALSO STRESSED THAT SOVIET FIVE-METER REQUIRE-
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MENT FOR SLIFER PLACEMENT IS CORRECT SOLUTION, BUT SAID SOVIET SIDE WILLING TO WORK CONSTRUCTIVELY ON THIS QUESTION AFTER RECESS. MOROKHOV ALSO REHEARSED THAT SOVIET APPROACH CALLING FOR YIELD MEASURING EQUIPMENT TO BE PLACED IN RELATION TO MIDDLE OF CANISTER, AND NOT BELOW CANISTER AS URGED BY US, WAS WAY TO SOLVE THAT QUESTION.

8. THERE WAS ALSO DISCUSSION OF WHY US NEEDED DEPTH OF

EMPLACEMENT HOLE INFORMATION. NORDYKE MADE DETAILED EXPLANATION ON THIS POINT, AND ALTHOUGH MOROKHOV DID NOT INDICATE HE AGREED WITH IT, HE DID STATE THAT HE FINALLY UNDERSTOOD WHAT US TALKING ABOUT.

9. DECEMBER 17 MEETING ENDED WITH EXCHANGE OF TOASTS BY DELEGATION HEADS. SPIRIT WAS WARM AND CONVIVIAL. IT INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT "COOPERATION" NOT MENTIONED BY MOROKHOV IN HIS TOAST, AS IT HAS NOT BEEN BY SOVIET SIDE ALL THIS ROUND.
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